## **ABSTRACT**

## AN INTERVERTEBRAL PROSTHESIS

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The present invention relates to an intervertebral <u>prothesisprosthesis</u>. In particular, the present invention relates to an articulating intervertebral disc <u>prothesisprosthesis</u>. In use, the intervertebral prosthesis is fixed to the end plates of vertebrae following the surgical excision of a degenerative or ruptured disc. The intervertebral <u>prothesisprosthesis</u> has substantially flat bone engaging surfaces with a macro-textured surface.